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LARGE DIAMETER ON SMALL DIAMETER CORES

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 23 of this paper.